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NEW ALBANY.

Greatest Gathering of Hiber-
nians Ever Assembled in
Southern Indiana.

Eloquent Addresses Delivered
by State and County
Officers.

The Good Work Done by a
Number of Energetic
Members.

FIFTY-SIX NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

Last Sunday was a gala day for the Hibernians of New Albany, when the largest gathering that ever assembled in Southern Indiana met in Holy Trinity Hall to assist Division 1 of that city in the ceremony of initiating fifty-six members. Both the Dinks and Daisies were compelled to run extra coaches to accommodate the throngs that attended from this city and Jeffersonville. There was not a single division in Jefferson county or Floyd county, Ind., that was not well represented.

Some time ago it was announced in these columns that the New Albany Hibernians had received a letter from their State President urging them to renewed effort to increase their membership. In response thereto a special committee was appointed early in December to carry out President O'Hara's suggestions, and how well they performed their duty was demonstrated Sunday afternoon, when as fine a body of men as could be found anywhere were admitted to the order, and from this event will date a new era in Indiana Hibernianism.

Holy Trinity Hall, which was taxed to its capacity, was handsomely decorated in colors suitable to the occasion, with a magnificent portrait of St. Patrick hanging over the chair occupied by President Dan Walsh.

Committees met the 2 and 2:30 o'clock trains and escorted the visitors to the hall, when President Walsh ascended to the President's chair and called the meeting to order. Routine business was disposed of with dispatch, and then Martin Cusick, State President of Kentucky, was introduced as the first speaker. He was given a hearty greeting, but owing to the great amount of work that remained to be done he would consent to say only a few words, congratulating the New Albany brethren not only on the immense crowd on the inside but also the large number on the outside waiting to gain admission. He demonstrated how living up to the laws of the order would make each one a better and more highly respected citizen and laid particular stress upon the many fraternal advantages to be derived from membership in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

James Coleman, State Secretary for Kentucky, was the next speaker, and he dwelt at some length upon the noble precepts of the order, friendship, unity and true Christian charity, and also the beauties of the ritual. Secretary Coleman is a forcible speaker and his remarks were not without leaving their impression.

County President Patrick Kennedy and John Morgan, assisted by President Patrick Sullivan and John J. Barrett, then presented the forty-six candidates for initiation. The ceremony was made interesting by John Barrett's exemplification of the motto of the order, during which he complimented the candidates and urged them to be zealous in their work for the society. President Dan Walsh hereupon administered the obligation in a most impressive manner, and the occasion will live forever in the memory of each and every one.

County President John A. Murphy was next introduced and made one of his excellent talks, particularly addressed to the new members, and his reference to the Boers aroused much enthusiasm.

President William Reilly and John Kenny, of Jeffersonville, also responded to calls, and much regret was expressed that James Dougherty could not remain to address the meeting.

President John Hennessy extended a cordial invitation to his New Albany brethren to visit Division 4. He was followed by Patrick Sullivan, whose description of his hobbies created much mirth.

President Frank Cunningham also addressed himself to the young men just admitted, quoting several apt sayings of President John Keating.

David O'Connell, ex-County President of Jefferson county, though far down on the programme, made one of the hits of the day. He declared that for once he found himself without anything to say, and then proceeded with the delivery of an unusually eloquent and witty address, during which he told of what a good school the Ancient Order of Hibernians was for its members. He concluded with a story that convulsed his hearers with laughter, and sat down amid rounds of applause.

There several calls for John J. Egan, who responded briefly, as did several others.

Secretary John Flynn, for the division, acknowledged the services of the Membership Committee in a spirited address, a compliment deservedly bestowed. He also paid a glowing tribute to the Kentucky Irish American, commending it to the public at large, and then introduced

the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, We, the members of Division 1, A. O. H., of Floyd county, Ind., appreciate the presence of Brothers Martin Cusick, State President of Kentucky; State Secretary James Coleman, County President John A. Murphy, County President James Doherty, Presidents William T. Meehan, Patrick Sullivan, John Hennessy and Frank Cunningham, of Louisville; William Reilly, of Jeffersonville; William M. Higgins, of the Kentucky Irish American, and the many distinguished brothers from the Louisville and Jeffersonville in this initiation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our heartfelt thanks for their presence this afternoon and cordially invite them to visit our division whenever possible.

When the visitors were leaving the reception committee passed around a box of excellent blue label cigars, which were greatly enjoyed.

It would be out of place to attempt to particularize among the members of the New Albany division for the purpose of bestowing credit for the marked success of their undertaking, but mention must be made of County President Pat Kennedy, County Secretary James O'Hara, County Treasurer John McBarron, President Dan Walsh, Vice President John Winn, the Messrs. Higgins, Russell, Contractor O'Hara, ex-Sheriff John Thornton and John J. Lyons, to whose efforts is mainly due the glory of the most successful and enthusiastic meeting of Hibernians held for many years in any of the Falls Cities.

SOME NOTES.

John Egan will prove an invaluable addition to the New Albany division.

Will Schnell and Mike Flahive brought up the rear Sunday, but managed to arrive on time.

Nothing will promote the growth of the order as rapidly as frequent meetings like that of last Sunday.

Division 4 had the largest delegation last Sunday. This made President Hennessy smile long though not loud.

John J. Lyons is not only the biggest but the jolliest Hibernian in New Albany and visitors should always meet him.

Thomas Cleary, the popular First-street saloonist, procured the rabbit's foot and bestowed it upon State President Cusick.

All regretted the inability of Tom Keenan, the genial President of Division 1, to attend the New Albany exercises.

The Higginses of New Albany would form the nucleus for a good division. There are nine of them members of Division 1.

Secretary John F. Flynn's handsome recognition of the Kentucky Irish American was heartily appreciated by its many friends.

While Col. Joe Taylor could not spend the entire day with his Indiana friends, they were pleased with his presence and encouragement.

John Egan furnished much amusement, and his pronouncement on marriage was mirth provoking. You won't catch him napping.

Dan McDonald, of Division 4, headed a lively delegation, destined to keep to the front the fact that the Mc's and O's are as numerous as ever.

Division 3 was represented over the river by its President, Joe Taylor, John Cavanaugh, Phil Cavanaugh, Edward Malone and a large following.

Ex-Sheriff John Thornton came all the way from Edwardsville to be at the meeting last Sunday. His presence was greatly appreciated by the members.

Edward Malone, of Division 3, one of the old guard, was one of the most interesting visitors to New Albany. He sets a worthy example for the young men, for which he deserves special recognition.

President William Meehan, John Barrett, Con Ford, John Kinney and Secretary Keane certainly held up the reputation of Division 2. They added materially to the pleasure of the trip over the river.

John Cavanaugh, Secretary of Division 3, is as well known across the river as in Louisville. His reception was a warm one, a crowd surrounding him all the time. There are few Hibernians more popular than he.

Jeffersonville was largely represented. In addition to the officers mentioned elsewhere, prominent among the delegation were Peter Madden, Will Shea and John Kenney, who marshaled their forces in excellent style.

Division 1 furnished a representative delegation in Messrs. John Mulloy, Peter Cusick, Thomas Cleary, Louis Perrand, Patrick Liston, James Keane, Tim Lyons, the pioneer, and the Hibernian reporter for the Kentucky Irish American.

Among those who accompanied President Hennessy were noticed Lieut. Jerry Hallahan, Tom Lynch, Harry Brady, John Hellen, Pat O'Hern, William Ansburo, Edward Rafferty, John Gilmore, Pat Burke, Charles Callahan and Pat Kane.

ANOTHER BIG CONTRACT.

Messrs. O'Hara and Lee, the well known New Albany contractors, last week began the construction of a switch that will connect the J. M. & I. railroad with the Hardwood Bent Works in their city. The contract is a big one and will give employment to a number of men for the next two weeks. They have several others in view, and the indications are that they will get the most important work to be done this season in Southern Indiana.

A young man's best girl is never too good to be true.

FOXY OLD CHAP.

The Irish Brigade With the
Boers in the Siege of
Ladysmith.

Americans Are Husky Young
Fellows From the Mid-
dle West.

Red Necks Will Not Be Hot to
Rush Against the Green
Flag.

WENT AT THEM IN IRISH FASHION.

The following letter has just been received from James F. Dunn, a former Irish-American resident of Lowell, Mass., now a member of the Irish Brigade in the Transvaal army. It will prove interesting reading to the many who sympathize with the Boers in their struggle for liberty, because it bears the stamp of truthfulness:

I don't know whether you have heard any news from here since the war started, and I ought to give you some of the real facts of what is occurring. This letter will reach you by way of Lorenzo Marquez, by the German mail line. No letter can go out of the Boer republics through British sources, as the letters are opened, read and destroyed. The English control the cables, and I have no doubt, from what we hear in our camps, that the real condition of things never reaches the outside world.

When the war broke out most of the mine owners, speculators, managers and even paid officials of the Rhodes clique ran off to the Cape just as quickly as trains could carry them. The foreigners—German, French, Irish, Scotch and even English, who are called Outlanders, have joined the Boer army. You must remember that these are the men the British pretended they wish to help, to rescue from tyranny and all that, and yet they are in arms against the so-called liberators.

The fact is that all the nonsense about the wrongs of the Outlanders was cooked up by the Rhodes gang for the English papers. I have lived here for two years and I have yet to learn that we have any wrongs—political, religious, commercial or any other. The men who wronged and threatened and bullied the miners—I mean the working miners—were the Rhodes crowd, fellows of the Hammond stamp, who were getting fat salaries for working the mines and the papers for their English bosses. It was a great pity—so far as humanity and liberty were concerned—that Jameson, Hammond and the rest of them were not strung up after the raid.

When the war broke out brigades of foreigners were organized at once. The Germans have a brigade of 2,000 men or more, nearly all men trained in the army in Germany and commanded by men of their own country—trained officers. There is a mixed brigade of French, Scotch and English, who have their own officers, and they are doing good. We have an Irish brigade of over 2,500, the majority of whom are men from California and the West, with quite a sprinkling from the old country and the Cape. Our commander is Col. Blake, a West Pointer, who used to be in the regular cavalry at home and a Jim dandy, a fighter and a tactician that West Point may be proud of.

We are getting new men every day; they come in from Lorenzo Marquez, and are from every country in Europe and the States. The Americans are mostly husky young fellows from the middle West who have served in the Spanish war and the regular army, and we have quite a few from around Boston, New York and Philadelphia. All these fellows—Irish, German and Yank—get into our brigade, for they feel more at home with us, under officers and men who have followed the old flag, and they are giving the "Red Necks," as the Boers call them, plenty of fun.

It was our brigade—we had about 1,200 on the firing line that day—that scooped in the Irish Fusiliers at Dundee, and had the Boer contingent had more experience in military matters we could have got the whole of Yule's bunch, horse, foot and wagon, for I never saw a worse beaten, demoralized crowd than that same British army. They are mostly pushing the Scotch and Irish regiments against us, and we are able to take care of them. They may have English regiments, but they keep them back in reserve, for we haven't seen them, though we are red hot to get a crack at them.

Gen. Joubert is a foxy old chap, and refuses to let us take any chances that are uncertain, and he is dead against any military grand stand tactics. He won't allow any charges or attacks on fortified places; he makes the British do that business, and then he soaks them. The consequence is that the English lose five men killed and wounded where we lose only one.

The English artillery is fairly good, though their guns are not up to ours, but their infantry and cavalry can't hit a flock of barns. We are now entrenched around Ladysmith, with a strong force down at the fords of the Tugela, intrenching and waiting for that advance of the British we are promised, and we have lots of commandos chasing down through Natal to keep the Boers off the enemy.

We have White and about 10,000 men cooped up in Ladysmith, and we will get the whole bunch as sure as shooting. We have the hills overlooking the town, which is down in a hole, fortified, and we shell the place occasionally to keep them guessing, but we place reliance strongly on dirt, disease and hunger to capture them.

The town doesn't amount to anything, but the Johnnies have about \$5,000,000 worth of arms, munitions and supplies that will come handy. White is in a tight place, and his camp is tough; heat, dust, rain, mud and anxiety are our allies, and they are badly demoralized. They used to make sorties and rush hills, but we had orders to drop back and let them rush, and when they got tired we occupied our old positions and soaked them as they limped back to camp. They were wearing themselves out. A few days ago they came out in strength, and when the Boers retired Blake held to our position and we waited for them, running up the green flag to make them raw. The Boers don't carry bayonets; the Irish brigade does.

They shelled our position for an hour, dropping shells over and beyond us, but doing no particular harm. Blake passed the word along the line to wait and give them a good fight.

A real English regiment came at our position and their officers called and urged them on. I am in Cassidy's company—he is an Arizona man—and we have half a dozen fellows from Tucson who are dead shots. We lay low, squinted over the breastworks, while our Tucson fellows tumbled over officer after officer.

When they reached the foot of the hill, Blake ordered us to cease firing, and told a few men from each company to yell, jump up and pretend to run away. This encouraged the Johnnies to cheer, and they came up the hill panting and shooting wildly. When about 100 feet from us we let them have it from Mauser, Mannlicher and Maxim, and Blake yelled:

"Now, boys, give them a taste of the real thing."

The cheer that went up could be heard a mile off, and we went over the intrenchments at them with the bayonet.

Surprised? You never saw anything like it. A volley point blank, and then the metal. We went at them in good Irish fashion, and some of the Yanks and Ohio chaps were wilder than the Turks. The redcoats wouldn't stand for it but went down the hill on a break and out into the open, sprinting like greyhounds. We marched back about one-sixth of the way, and there was a badly mauled lot lying around that we sent into the English lines that night, as we preferred to let them have the bother of doctoring them.

They won't be very hot to rush a hill with a green flag over it again, I imagine. The regiment was Gloucestershire or some other such name—I don't recall it just now—and if they don't get any better material than that to fight us the English are more likely to march into the Indian ocean than into the Transvaal.

I suppose the English are rushing in all the men they can get hold of, but as we have our backs to the mountains and they have to come at us over our own fortified positions, they will need a quarter of a million men to do the work.

Counting those we have in the field, those at Pretoria and around, and the men who have come from Europe in two months, we can count up almost a hundred thousand men, and we have supplies to last two years. Our people are all over the colony, and we get all the news there is to be had. The accounts sent out by the English come back to us, and the fellow that runs the intelligence department and sends out the news is a star—the noblest liar of them all. You want to take no stock whatever in him; we are all right. The only thing we are short of is doctors and medicines; but we ought to have a better staff of physicians and an ambulance corps, and I suppose they will be organized soon, as these things are to arrive from Europe.

The siege of the town drags along and it may be two months before it surrenders. We are going to move down toward Colenso in a couple of days, leaving about 500 of our brigade as support for the siege train. The Boer commandos and recruits from Natal will be put on duty here to watch White, for we can hold them with green men, while the seasoned fellows go down toward the Tugela. The German steamer sails in a couple of days, and this letter will go by that; if it catches the Brindisi boat in season you ought to get it by the new year.

I don't know when I'll get a chance to write again. Address me at Pretoria, Cassidy's company of Col. Blake's commando, and I'll get it in good time, if I'm alive.

CAPT. LAWLER BUSY.

Capt. Mike Lawler, the well-known contractor, who was in the city for a few days this week, has returned to Aurora, Ind., where he has a large force of men employed building new bridges for the B. & O. S. W. Railway Company. During the last three months Mr. Lawler has rebuilt several bridges for the B. & O. S. W. in Indiana, and has contracts that will keep him and many men busy until the close of the year 1900, some of them running well up in the thousands. He is a practical workman himself, and his many friends here are gratified over his success.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

The Dominican fathers are taking a religious census of their congregation, number of communicants, pewholders, etc. They hope to bring into the fold a great many of those who have been neglecting their duties for some time.

INSTALLATIONS.

Officers Who Will Guide Lead-
ing Catholic Societies
This Year.

Branch 2, Catholic Knights
and Ladies, Still in
the Lead.

Annual Reports Were Encour-
aging and Membership
Increasing.

FUTURE PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

During the past two weeks the many Catholic fraternal societies in Louisville held their annual meetings and installed officers for the ensuing year. It is gratifying to note that in each case a substantial and solid growth has been reported, both numerically and financially. There are few, if any, fraternal organizations that pay sick and death claims with the promptness which distinguishes the Catholic Knights and Catholic Knights and Ladies of America. These two organizations also provide various forms of amusement and entertainment for their members, which add much to their popularity and the benefits derived.

Branch 2 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America still continues the banner branch of that order, with over 400 members in good standing. Effort will be made to increase the number to 500 ere the semi-annual reports are due. The report of the Treasurer, Miss Mary Hayden, who was recently assaulted and robbed by Harry Marks, showed the branch to be in better financial condition than ever before. There was a large attendance to witness the installation and the occasion was a pleasant one. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President—Patrick Holley.
Vice President—John J. Reilly.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Sheridan.
Financial Secretary—James Coleman.
Assistant—Miss Mary Corcoran.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Hayden.
The Trustees yet remain to be selected.

The annual meeting of Branch 96 of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America was also an unusually interesting one, with a large attendance of members. The reports of the officers were very encouraging, and the suggestions contained therein will, when carried out, add many new members. After the installation the members were pleasantly entertained. Officers were installed as follows:

President—Michael Lyons.
Vice President—D. McDonald.
Recording Secretary—Miss Annie Sullivan.
Financial Secretary—Thomas Connaughton.
Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Mitchell.
Sergeant-at-arms—Bob Mitchell.

Branch 23 of the Catholic Knights of America installed the following officers at its last meeting:

President—Patrick Flaherty.
Vice President—John T. Lyons.
Recording Secretary—P. Holley.
Financial Secretary—Thomas Henley.
Treasurer—William McDonald.
Trustees—George Burkholder, William Corrigan and Thomas Kennedy.
Sergeant-at-arms—Thomas Tierney.
Sentinel—Michael McCoy.

After the installation there were several interesting talks for the good of the order by leading members, and the large attendance pronounced the meeting the most satisfactory held for a long time. The new officers all pledged themselves to an earnest effort to increase the membership, which has been enjoying a steady growth.

WILLIAM J. MURPHY,

Inventor of the Electric Block
Signal System and
Author.

William J. Murphy, who was recently made General Manager of the Queen & Crescent railway system, and the inventor of the electric block signal system, seems destined to become one of the leading railroad men of the country. Besides being an inventor he is becoming famous as an author, of two productions, one of them, "Three Yanks Abroad," having been published in nearly all the leading journals.

Recently he has written a book on "Instructions to Railroad Men," and his suggestions are being adopted by all roads, and will shortly come into general use.

Manager Murphy's life is only another illustration of what Irish pluck and perseverance can accomplish when properly applied. For many years he has resided in Lexington, but his new duties will necessitate his removal to Cincinnati, much to the regret of the Lexingtonians.

LIMERICK'S WATCH SYSTEM.

The new night watch system in Limerick is unquestionably a vast improvement on the old order, but it is a question whether it will not have to

"pay the piper" over the first battle in which the force was engaged. The scheme for the introduction of tramways evoked considerable heat and excitement in the city, and in the interest of peace and good order it was necessary to prevent unlimited admission to the Council chamber. For the purpose a number of the night watch were placed on duty at the main entrance. William O'Brien, of Shanagolden, sought admission and states he received from the guardians of the door some nasty cuts on the head. It is not denied that he was so injured—there was too much physical proof of the fact—but it is alleged that at the time a mob stormed the door, and in the melee between the watch and the besieging party O'Brien unfortunately got injured. The Council's law agent has advised that in that circumstance no action can be brought against the council. Mr. Moran, solicitor and member of the council, has on behalf of O'Brien served a writ for damages on the council. The case will involve some rather interesting points of law as to the legal status of the watch.

FATHER SHEEHY.

Views of Ireland and Boer-
land and Lecture at
Library Hall.

The sale of tickets for the illustrated lecture on Ireland and Boerland by Rev. Father Eugene Sheehy, of Limerick, Ireland, at Library Hall on Tuesday evening, January 30, has assumed large proportions. Letters calling for tickets are being received daily from the surrounding towns, and the indications are that his audience will be a brilliant one.

Father Sheehy will present between 300 and 400 views, embracing an epitome and history of Ireland born of a special knowledge of locality and traditions, and will dissipate many false conceptions. The Ireland of today is not the Ireland of thirty years ago. She is now progressing rapidly, onward and upward, in every corner and county.

His views of Ladysmith, Kimberley, Pretoria, Mafeking and the Transvaal will furnish a vivid, realistic and interesting history of the Godfearing Boers and their country, surpassing anything of the kind ever seen in Louisville. Father Sheehy's sympathies are with the Boers, and a rare treat is in store for the friends of Oom Paul Kruger.

In addition to the foregoing several vocal and instrumental selections will be rendered by prominent members of the musical world. The full programme will be found in our columns next week. Reserved seats have been placed on sale at the store of John Mulloy in the Library Hall building, Fourth avenue.

ELIZABETH KELLEHER.

Mother of Rev. Patrick M.
Kelleher Dies in
Ireland.

The fatal news came to Rev. Father Patrick M. Kelleher, the beloved assistant pastor of St. Patrick's church, that his mother had departed this life on Wednesday morning, January 10, in Ireland. Our readers can well imagine his grief over his great affliction, and the hearts of the entire congregation go out to him in sympathy in losing one whom he loved so dearly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kelleher was an exemplary lady, her life like unto a flower—sweet and beautiful yet humble and unostentatious. Her church was the only home she would place any confidence in and was the foundation of her life. She was a devoted wife and loving mother, and is now enjoying the reward of her Heavenly Father, which she so richly deserved.

A solemn requiem mass was sung Monday morning at St. Patrick's for the repose of her soul by Rev. Father Kelleher, assisted by Monsignor Gambon and Father Minch. The church was crowded and a glance showed the sorrow that was felt for the celebrant. It was a sight most beautiful, and the services were very impressive. Father Kelleher has our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of his mother, who is now enjoying a glorious reception with the angels in her new but brighter home.

AQUINAS UNION

Has Resumed Its Enjoyable
Literary Entertain-
ments.

The Aquinas Union reopened its literary entertainments last Monday evening with a very enjoyable programme arranged specially for the occasion. The many friends of this popular Limerick organization will hail the announcement that their literary sessions will be held every month hereafter, and the officers of the union will make an extra effort to procure the best talent obtainable. The following programme was rendered last Monday evening:

Introductory—President John J. Crotty.
Piano Duet—Misses Rose and Fannie Tompkins.
Address—Rev. B. F. Logan.
Vocal Solo, with violin obligato and piano accompaniment—Misses Myrtle Piper and Inez Bradshaw, and Ralph Fogel.
"A Talk"—John Crotty.
Vocal Solo—Miss Rose Tompkins.
Address—Hon. Matt O'Doherty.
An election of Directors will take place Monday evening. The next literary meeting will be held February 26.

C. K. OF A.

St. Cecilia's Branch Initiates
First Lady Member in
the Order.

Last Meeting Will Live Long
in the Memory of Those
Present.

Pleasing and Witty Address
Delivered by Miss Mary
Fackler.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR INSTALLED

The last meeting of Branch 14 of the Catholic Knights of America, held in St. Cecilia's Hall, was a rousing and enthusiastic one, which will live long in the memory of those present. Supreme Trustee C. W. Smith, State Secretary Veeneman and a number of visiting Knights were present. After the routine work of the branch was completed came the installation of the newly elected officers, under the guidance of Supreme Trustee Smith, who acquitted himself with that grace and dignity for which he is proverbial. He read the ritual to the newly elected officers, after which they assumed their respective stations and Secretary Hamel announced that the initiation of Miss Mary Louise Fackler, the first lady to be admitted to the Catholic Knights of America in Kentucky, was in order.

That charming and accomplished young lady at once advanced to the presiding officer, when her certificate of membership was read and signed. Supreme Trustee Smith then conferred the degree of knighthood in his happy style, followed by a neat little speech, in which he stated that St. Cecilia's branch was the one he first visited upon being elected to the office of First Supreme President, wishing to read his letter of acceptance to Rev. Father Rock, then pastor of the church. This branch was one of the oldest in the order, and it is but meet that in the natural order of things this initiation should prove as great a success as that which their noble order had attained. Trustee Smith declared the conferring of the degree on the first lady member in this State to be

agreeable act he had been yet called upon to perform. As many were aware, he had been opposed to the admission of females at the beginning of the movement, but was now the champion of their cause, and hoped to see many wives, daughters and sweethearts enroll themselves under the banner of the Catholic Knights of America. He concluded his remarks by congratulating Miss Fackler.

Miss Fackler responded in a few well-chosen words, which were well received and made a most favorable impression. Among other things, she said:

"Brother Knights: In response to the very cordial welcome you have given me in becoming a member of this order, I must say that, aside from the lucrative value of the question, it is certainly a pleasure to me to become a member of this esteemed order of Catholic Knights. Knights, yes, such you are, and in as praiseworthy a way as were the Knights of old. The Knights of Romance, who fought so gallantly for their lady loves, the Knights of the Crusades and countless others battled and struggled manfully for ends which, regarded in the light that Catholicity views your noble cause, were little more than paltry. Edmund Burke says the age of chivalry is past, but as among other courtesies you hold out to us women the prerogative of knighthood itself, I feel convinced to the contrary."

"The necessities of the age have made many of us breadwinners, and you in recognition of our ability in this position hold out to us, when that ability fails, the benefits of a membership in your noble order. Yet, after all, it seems to me the order would have never reached its perfection without this crowning accomplishment, the admission of women, for from sundry outbreaks, or intrusions perhaps, I glean that there must have been murmurings in the Evesless Eden, and I rejoice to think that the true significance of our Savior's words has at length dawned upon you—that 'it is not good for a man to be alone.' Upon the conclusion of her remarks she was warmly applauded."

State Secretary Veeneman also entertained the branch with pertinent remarks for the good of the order, which were appreciated. Before adjourning a delegate to the State Council, which meets here in September, was chosen. Five candidates were placed in nomination, but all withdrew, and the election of Louis Hamel was made by acclamation. The proceedings were then brought to a close, the members all congratulating Miss Fackler and the new officers, wishing Branch 14 long life and prosperity.

CHARLIE MCCARTHY'S LUCK.

Friends of Charlie McCarthy, the popular Jack turnkey, are congratulating him because of the arrival of a bouncing little baby boy at his home, 720 Oldham street, last Wednesday afternoon. There is quite a lively competition for the privilege of being the child's Godfather, with Mike McAuliffe, Jim Ross and Jimmy Hefferan closely pounced for the honor.

Savages wear nose rings. Civilized women wear earrings.

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PARTISANISM VS. FAIRNESS.

The Kentucky Irish American has eschewed partisan politics, leaving the politicians to their fight. It is only when partisanism has developed into bigotry or personal injustice, or sought to mislead our people into a course unjust and detrimental to themselves, that we have interposed to expose the falsehood or defend the individual. We are the organ of no political party, owe none of them anything and expect nothing from them. Politically we are "independent as a hog on ice." We are fully aware that politicians and those whose interests are political or whose partisanism blinds their judgment and blunts their sense of right have disapproved and even denounced our course. For this we care nothing, except so far as they may tend to influence others in their effort to serve their political masters, though he whose only argument is denunciation generally has a poor case.

Our defense, if it can be called a defense, of Col. John H. Whallen has been criticised to some extent by individuals, who, not content with disapproving our course, have exaggerated, misrepresented and added thereto, and heaped abuse upon us and Col. Whallen. Now, we know that many of those zealous advocates of the cause of those under whom they hold their petty political offices, contracts or jobs, owe their all to the friendship and assistance of Col. Whallen in days gone by, and in their denunciation of him only prove themselves ingrates as well as subservient tools to those who have no love for the Irish, and will apply a vigorous kick when they have no further use for them. Of this they will in due time have indisputable proof, as the scheme is already under way, since the new allies of their masters must be rewarded by something more than has been done for them.

But as to Col. Whallen. In politics he is a politician as shrewd as the shrewdest. So long as the attacks on him were political it was none of our affair and we did not interfere. But the present effort to besmirch and injure Col. Whallen, while due to partisan politics, is not political nor prompted by politics; it is bigoted malice undertaken to gratify the anti-Irish element recently brought into the camp of the Democratic (?) managers of this city. This element, which for a time controlled the Republicans locally, and was kicked out, after floundering around have landed, and as is developed by investigation played an unsavory part in the last election in this city. Whallen they hate, and delight in anything to his detriment—not because of his politics, but because of his nationality and religion. It is time the Irish, regardless of politics, should know this.

Col. Whallen has no interest whatever in this paper. He owes us nothing. We have not always agreed with him politically. But, politics aside, Col. Whallen, as a man, a citizen, in business, in charity, in his relations with his fellow men, is the peer of any; and in integrity, worth and benefit to the community, is the superior of no small number of his traducers—but he is Irish, and that is enough to justify any assault upon him, if he dares to differ with and refuses to aid the schemes of those who now denounce and would persecute him, though not long ago they sought his advice and assistance in every undertaking.

There may be grounds for the charges against Col. Whallen, but

the courts will settle that, and Col. Whallen is, as he has always been, anxious for a speedy trial. The animus has been shown by his enemies in exaggerating and misrepresenting the case and in striving in every way to defer a trial, deprive him of every right and opportunity under the law and to hound and humiliate him. Their charge of bribery has, after hearing only the prosecuting evidence, resulted in an indictment for "conspiring to attempt bribery," a misdemeanor, and his bond reduced from \$10,000 to \$1,000. But even with this he is denied a trial till next Thursday, and it is now known it will not occur then.

The same effort and every technicality that able attorneys could devise have been applied to defer even an examining trial of Senator Harrel, whom Whallen is charged with attempting to bribe, and whom Whallen charges with obtaining money under false pretenses. His hearing is set for the 27th, but it is not likely to occur then. The whole scheme is plain—to subject Col. Whallen to the humiliation and odium of a criminal under charges without the opportunity to prove his innocence or the guilt of the man who accused him, and all for the sake of gaining some political advantage and gratifying the bigotry of the new recruits, who are also led to expect to fill the positions held by some of those Irishmen now joining in condemnation of Whallen.

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE.

We hope not, but it is just such action on the part of employers that causes most of the serious labor troubles. We allude to the arbitrary refusal of the Louisville City Railway Company officials to meet and confer with representatives of their employees concerning matters mutual between them—despite all assumption to the contrary, as much the business of the employees as of the company, for both are interested therein. The employees presented their request as to hours, wages, etc., in a respectful way, and the reply of the company was equally so. So far so good. But the subsequent refusal of the company's officials to meet the representatives of the employees, who do not consider the answer satisfactory, is not only improper, but it is unjust to the employees who have been faithful, have conducted themselves orderly and respectfully, and it is wrong from every standpoint in this country and contrary to every sense of right of the American people.

President Minary's reasons, which he states are those of the Directors, are not sufficient to justify their position nor their course. They claim that their duty is to manage the affairs of the company for the stockholders who elected them. True, and they properly exercise the right to speak and act for the stockholders. While not specifically denying the right of their employees to organize and act jointly, they do so in effect when refusing to meet and confer with representatives selected and authorized by their employees. The Directors rightfully protest against interference with its business by outsiders, but an employee is not an outsider, and is fully entitled by law and justice to a hearing and a voice so far as his relations with the company are concerned.

The denial of this right has always caused trouble because it is denying a legal and just right. It is a violation of law, if not in letter in spirit, and such lawlessness on the part of employers has caused

resorts to violence, and is the chief impetus to the spread of socialism and anarchy, and the sentiment against corporations, which enjoy privileges under the law and use their power to deprive others of their legal rights. The right of the employees to be heard through their representatives is precisely the same right on which President Minary and the Directors speak and act for the stockholders—that they have been selected and authorized to do so. If President Minary means that the employees have no right to select and authorize others to represent them, then he denies to them a right exercised by the stockholders of the company, utterly ignoring the law, which makes no distinctions, but recognizes all men as free and equal—and in this country all employees are men with rights equal to the employer. This point has been fully settled so far as the sentiment of the public is concerned. It is true it has cost much of money, hardship, loss of property, life and limb, but after all it had to be conceded by those who denied it, and we are, indeed, sorry to note that the officials of the Louisville City Railway Company are among those antiquated, behind the times, and still refusing to see and understand the progressive phase of the labor question, based upon justice and reason, resulting in peace, mutual respect and co-operation of employer and employee, but prefer to adhere to the ancient idea of master and man—the man silently and patiently subservient to the master's will.

We hope the railway officials will be induced to forego their ultimatum and treat their employees with the courtesy and justice they deserve. If their requests are unjust or unreasonable, or would be injurious to the interests of the company, a friendly conference will easily demonstrate it, the requests will be modified, the grievances explained away or remedied, all trouble avoided, and the relations of the company with its employees become cordial, all feel that their interests are mutual, confident that each will treat the other fairly, and there will be harmony and good will, with a sense of security against strikes or lockouts, the cause for which will be removed.

There can be no harm come from the company agreeing to receive and confer with representatives of its employees and amicably settling differences. Much harm, not only to the company, but to the city and its people, may come from its persisting in its refusal to do so, the entire blame for which will rest upon the officials of the railway company. And with all due regard for their rights as a corporation, they have not the right to force a strike, with its attendant inconvenience, loss, disturbance of the peace and menace to life and property of the community, merely to carry out their idea that their employees must accept what is given them without question.

Poor old England! Having spent \$100,000,000 and lost 10,000 men, with only disaster to show for it in the Boer war, she now calls for another \$100,000,000 and recruits. And having "accepted" volunteers from Canada and Australia, she will "accept" more colonial volunteers and Canada is called upon to appropriate \$3,000,000 to equip and maintain her volunteers.

A rumor that a part of Buller's force has crossed Tugela river has set London wild with enthusiasm. It takes little sometimes to enthrall a fellow with the blues. Further results may prove that it would have been better not to cross Tugela river—it was so the other time Buller sent a force across that river, most of them failing to return.

The magnetism of "British successes in South Africa" has worn off and fail to revive the depression in London stock market. Now the censor reports "no news" from day to day, and the stock speculators are on the ragged edge. A real British victory is all that can now prevent

Just wait till the yeomanry get to Africa—those dunces who claim proficiency as horsemen in fox hunts and as marksmen in shooting snowbirds. Each of them has an outfit of clothing and toilet articles that suggest a pleasure trip. They will prove novelties for the Boers—if the yeomanry ever get in reach of the enemy.

Father Sheehy should be greeted by the largest audience ever assembled in Library Hall on Tuesday evening, January 30. None have endured more hardships for love of the old land than he, who was imprisoned for his devotion to the national cause. His views of Ireland and Boreland make one feel they were there again.

The Kentucky Irish American was honored with a call from William Mahone, National President of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees. He is an honor to the organization he represents, and we sincerely trust his mission here may be crowned with success.

Even Italy calls England down for seizing an Italian ship loaded with sulphur, claiming sulphur is not contraband—a point so decided in the late Spanish-American war, when Spain had to eliminate it from her list of contraband subject to seizure.

The turnout of Hibernians over the river last Sunday will remain a pleasant memory in the minds of all who participated. Our Hoosier brethren did nobly. May their success continue.

There are some city officials in Frankfort trying to swear away the vote of Louisville in the last election, who may find it hard for them to get that vote in the future when they want it.

Those who fail to hear Eugene V. Debs this evening will make a serious mistake. His lecture on "Labor and Liberty" can not be equaled by any one now before the public.

An interesting article from the pen of Col. R. M. Kelly on the history of the famous Irish Brigade of one hundred years ago will appear in our columns next week.

KEEP TOOTING.

If you toot your little tooter and then lay aside your horn, There's not a soul in ten short days will know that you were born. The man who gathers pumpkins is the man who plows all day, And the man who keeps a-humping is the gent who makes it pay. The man who advertises with a short and sudden jerk Is the man who blames the printer because it didn't work. The gent who gets the business has a long and steady pull, And keeps the local paper for years and years quite full. He plans his advertisements in a thoughtful, honest way, And keeps forever at it until he makes it pay. He has faith in all the future, can withstand a sudden shock, And like the man of Scripture, has his business on a rock. —[Kingsley Times.]

SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, running on for us. We can not carry this until we are three score and ten. We can not fight this battle continually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time; it comes only a day at a time. Even tomorrow is never ours till it becomes today, and we have nothing whatever to do with it but to pass down to it a fair and a good inheritance in today's work well done and today's life well lived. It is a blessed secret, this of living by the day. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till nightfall. Any one can do his work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all that life ever really means to us—just one little day. "Do today's duty; fight today's temptations, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you can not see, and could not understand if you saw them." God gives us nights to shut down the curtain of darkness on our little days. We can not see beyond. Short horizons make life easier, and give us one of the blessed secrets of brave, true, holy living.

THE BEST SHE COULD DO.

"Oh! Angelica, if you only knew how I love you you would not be so formal with me. Call me Fred, darling; call me dearest!" "I am sorry, Mr. Moby," replied she, "but the best I can do for you is to call you down." —[Baltimore News.]

SOCIETY.

John Kerberg spent the week in Bardstown, mingling business with pleasure.

Miss Bettie Cook spent last week visiting Miss Eleanor Wickliffe in Bardstown.

Miss Mary Agnes Mattingly, of Bardstown, was here this week visiting friends.

Miss Ida Raidy was one of the lucky prize winners at the euchre given by Trinity Council.

James Reagan, the popular saloonist, paid his first visit to West Baden Springs this past week.

Henry Brown has this week been enjoying the benefits to be derived at West Baden Springs.

The Cromwell Club will entertain its friends with another enjoyable dance Thursday evening.

Richard Tafel, the well-known jeweler, was among the Louisvilleans at West Baden Springs this week.

Miss Carrie Fitzgerald will leave next week for a protracted visit with friends in Richmond and Chicago.

Miss Allie Moore, one of Midway's prettiest girls, was here this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Bryan.

Jack McQuess was in Limerick Sunday afternoon visiting his friends. If he missed any Jack has not heard of them so far.

Miss Daisy O'Brien, who has been spending the winter with friends in this city, has returned to her home in Milwaukee.

Officer Mike Hogan's friends say that he is always anxious to watch a particular beat, because of a pretty little widow who lives on it.

Miss Mildred Kelly, one of the society favorites of Pittsburgh, spent the week here as the guest of Miss Mary Agnes Thompson.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Mackin Council are preparing a dance for the near future that will be the event of the West End social season.

George Dehler, Jr., the successful hardware merchant, and several of his friends paid a visit to West Baden Springs this week.

Miss Marguerite Burke left Tuesday for her home near Jeffersontown, after spending several weeks with Mrs. Robert Burke in Portland.

The many friends of Mrs. Van Roenn will regret to learn that she has been confined to her residence on Portland avenue, owing to illness.

Miss Lillie Schreiber was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Mackin Council Monday evening. She will carry the honor gracefully.

Mr. B. J. Dawson has returned from New Haven, where he went to be present at the wedding of his cousin, Richard Dawson, which occurred Wednesday.

Those of Fred Dettinger's friends who were willing to bet a short time ago that he would always be a bachelor are now trying to hedge and bet the other way.

Mrs. Thomas Cody, of West Jefferson street, spent the past week in Lexington as the guest of Mrs. William J. Murphy, wife of the General Manager of the Queen & Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Shanahan and son are in Chicago, the guests of Mrs. Shanahan's parents. They will visit Duluth and other cities in the Northwest before their return.

Thomas Cody, the popular representative of the Senn & Ackerman Brewing Company, returned this week from Lexington, where he spent several days visiting friends and former associates.

Miss Marie Louise Fackler, the first lady member of the Catholic Knights of America, was recently presented with a handsome gold ring, fittingly inscribed, as a memento of the pleasant event.

Will Schnell and Mike Flahive will have a hard time losing their brother members the next time there is a Hibernian meeting in New Albany, as those two slipped away from the crowd last Sunday to call on some young ladies.

Mrs. Ben Corrigan, Underhill street, has returned from Philadelphia, where she spent the last six weeks visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Corrigan was the recipient of marked social attention, several receptions being held in her honor.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Leo Club will give a euchre at Music Hall Wednesday afternoon and night, January 24. The proceeds are to be used for a worthy cause. Handsome prizes will be awarded. There will be a dance after the night euchre.

Dame Rufus has it that Charles Krenner, of Jeffersonville, will shortly wed one of the prettiest Irish girls in New Albany. The lucky groom-to-be is associated with the Norman and is popular with the merchants and all others doing business in the vicinity of Fourth and Main streets.

Miss Mayme Fitzpatrick, one of the prettiest and most popular young ladies in the West End, contemplates leaving for the East shortly, for the purpose of completing her musical education. She is the possessor of a voice of exceptional force and beauty, and besides is a performer of rare ability.

The Record says Mrs. Garrett Lee gave a bowling party Thursday evening in honor of Mrs. M. J. McCloskey, of this city, who spent the week visiting relatives and friends in Shelbyville. About twenty ladies and gentlemen were present.

sent and all had a delightful time. A palatable supper was served after the completion of the bowling contests.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Cecilia Beatty and Edward Andler, which occurs at the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, January 31, at 4 o'clock. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Beatty, West Chestnut street, noted for her charming manner and amiable disposition. Mr. Andler is one of the leading young men of Sedalia, Mo., where they will make their home after February 15.

That was an enjoyable evening, Monday January 15, which was spent by a few friends at the pleasant home of Mr. James Wolfe, Eight and Oldham. Music and song added their charm and the "festive hours on golden wings" sped rapidly away. Mrs. Wolfe is a superb hostess. Nothing is left undone for her friends to have a truly delightful time, and these small reunions are to those who participate in them bright and cheery spot in the journey of life.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Bachmann and John Moeller will take place at the residence of the bride's parents Wednesday afternoon. The bride-elect, who is the charming daughter of Councilman Bachmann, is quite a favorite in East End German society circles. Mr. Moeller is one of the firm of Moeller Bros., at Hancock and Gray streets, and the announcement will be read with pleasure by his large number of friends. A reception and wedding dinner will follow the ceremony, after which the newly wedded couple will leave for the East, where they will spend their honeymoon.

THE SHAN VAN VOCHT.

[ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER.]
"England says I'm dying fast!"
Sighs the Shan Van Vocht!
"That my days of strength are past,"
Sighs the Shan Van Vocht!
"For my sons no more unite
In the sacred cause of right,
But are weary of the fight,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Oh, wishes are not facts!"
Laughs the Shan Van Vocht!
"Oh, intentions would be acts,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Not for England's loud applause!
Not for dread of penal laws!
Would they e'er forsake my cause!"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Until freedom lose her charm,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"And slavery its alarm,"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"Young blood shall run as high
As in Brian's veins gone by,
When he forced the Danes to fly!"
Says the Shan Van Vocht!
"True, the wind of heaven's breath,"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht,
"Often times seem charged with death,"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht,
"Even now it may bestow
Its traitor's kiss of woe
On the plains of fair Mayo!"
Sobs the Shan Van Vocht.
"But I know the day must break,"
Cries the Shan Van Vocht!
"When for motherland's dear sake,"
Cries the Shan Van Vocht!
"All mine exiled sons shall stand,
Hearts on fire, swords in hand,
To do battle for the land
Of the Shan Van Vocht!"
—[ANNIE O'REILLY.]

WALKING.

As sensible men and women give more and more time and thought to the care of their health, walking steadily grows in favor. There is only one way to keep well and that is to exercise rationally. And of all the forms of exercise walking gives the best results with the least interference with those mental activities which are or ought to be the chief occupation of every civilized being. A man who eats two meals a day, going out at midday, not for luncheon, but for a walk, will not have a "family physician."

USEFUL HINTS.

If a dish of cold water is kept in a cake box it will keep the cake clear and moist. The water should be renewed every twenty-four hours.
Never scald woollens. Wash in warm soap suds, rinse in lukewarm water twice. Stretch lengthwise, repeating at intervals while drying to prevent shrinking.
To prevent rugs from curling at the corners bind them on the under edge with a piece of narrow webbing like that used to keep furniture springs in place.
The finest manicure acids is made by putting a teaspoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of warm water. This removes most stains from the fingers and nails and loosens cuticle more satisfactorily than can be done by the use of a sharp instrument.
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Gloss for shirt fronts is made as follows: Pound two ounces of fine, white gum arabic to a powder, put it in a pitcher and pour over it one pint of boiling water. Carefully pour from the dregs into a clean bottle. Cork it and keep for use. One tablespoon stirred into a pint of starch produces a lovely gloss on linen and is quite harmless to the materials.

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Miss Emma Hermann, the daughter of Mr. Joseph Hermann, President of the Sinking Fund, has become a pupil of Loretto Academy, Marion county, Ky. She is a most estimable young lady and has entered one of the finest institutions in this section of the Union. When old Boreas has hied himself to northern latitudes and spring and summer smile on vale and dell Miss Herman will find how delightful are Loretto's woods and flowers, and how inexpressibly kind and devoted are the cultured Loretines.

If the worthy Senator Harrel had been offered a couple of hundred dollars for his 'florence during the past glorious Democratic campaign his name might not now be illuminating the daily papers. But thousands! That was more than he could stand. His conceit kept on swelling till he finally burst into "owning up" to his importance. He knew that when he walked back home his constituency would be wondering "whar on airth" all that money came from. There's an old saying that "'Tis well to take time by the forelock," so Senator Harl bethought himself of it.

Much censure is being bestowed on the trailing skirt so dear to most women. In England the short walking length is usually preferred and mostly worn. But beautiful, coquettish France adores the long, graceful folds of the flowing train. Right now it is condemned from a hygienic standpoint, inasmuch as it picks up all kinds of dirt containing microbes of various diseases. Diphtheria, typhoid and other germs are caught up by it in its travels through the city, but even so it has such a hold on the feminine heart that it is not apt to be given up until it has run its course. Most fashions are replaced after four or five seasons. That is conceded to be the limit of duration of any particular style, no matter how popular it was at first. Long skirts were originally intended only for carriage wear, but the vogue was soon caught up by every one, whether possessed of a carriage or not. Dame Fashion is a fickle creature, and we may expect soon to see the trailing skirt replaced by the sensible but not so graceful walking length.

The Schreiners issued a "pastorale" to be read in as many churches as would accept it in New York last Sunday. In this open letter to the people the Schreiners called upon all nations to recognize the hand of God in the destruction which they, the Schreiners, call down upon the Boers. They see only wisdom, greatness and happiness in the Government of England and can not understand why the Boer wishes to be free from the glorious British dominion. Self-constituted prophets, they speak of God and His judgments as though they formed part of His court and were so intimate with the Universal Lord that they could cry out as prophets and ministers of His. If the Schreiners were living during the Rebellion in 1776 they would have worked against the Colonists as they are now doing against the Boers. Bishop Ryan, of Alton, three weeks ago wrote a grand address to the liberty-loving farmers of the Transvaal, in which he urged them on to heroic deeds to preserve their freedom and bade them a hearty Godspeed, to which every nation that looks for right will say amen.

The latest interesting thing in the metropolis is an academy and training school for young women about to be married. The most important subject taught is the proper management of husbands. We often see "Hints to Wives" written by some good-natured spinster who is mostly guessing at what she tells us, but this time the education and instruction are imparted by one who has "been there," and she ought to know. This school is a good beginning for the incoming century. But in its curriculum there must be more exceptions to the rules than can be found in all ancient or modern grammars. The moods and tenses, for instance, would form a course by themselves. Just imagine the numberless adjectives and adverbs these brides must learn in order to apply them in season. A good number of "common nouns" will have to be inserted in this new study, because if Benedict gets home late at night and isn't able to give a satisfactory account of himself she will need a good command of words in order to even up. As for interjections, she is likely to be bothered with too many of them in course of time, so she doesn't need to learn any at first.

There are seldom to be found Irishmen like Capt. O'Neill Murphy, who fought a duel last week with the editor of a Parisian newspaper because of a caricature of Queen Victoria which had appeared a few days before with the editor's consent. Perhaps Murphy has not seen any of the Queen's photographs of recent years, or he should have kept his head. At all events he would have kept his name, either of which has given him a glory to the possessor, had he given some of the New York toadies a chance to rush to mortal combat to resent the audacity of the Parisian editor and thereby relieve our country of at least one Anglo-maniac. How an Irishman bearing the honorable name of either O'Neill or Murphy could so far forget himself is inexplicable unless to himself. He is by far the most infamous freak of the new year.

Irish Catholics all over the world should aid in every manner the cause of the Boers. Not through hatred for British rule—that alone would be sufficient. But in all their dealings with the Dutch Government Catholics and Irishmen have been well treated. The Catholic church and convent in Pretoria are built on ground presented by the Transvaal Government to the church. Priests and religious communities have always been protected

and letters from missionaries there have uniformly shown that the constitution of the republic guarantees religious equality. Dr. Leyds, plenipotentiary of the Boers in Europe, is a Catholic; Dr. Parrelly, Government advisor on international law, is an Irish Catholic; Chevalier O'Donohue, Vice Chairman of the Johannesburg Corporation, Irish Catholic; Mr. Hogan, Secretary to the Commandant General, Irish Catholic. One-fourth of the Transvaal civil service are Catholics. The number of Catholics holding office under the British is so small that it is not worth while mentioning them, yet three-fourths of the population in Ireland alone are Catholics. President Kruger was not compelled to take the cowardly oath that Queen Victoria has taken: That the tenets of the Catholic faith "are false and idolatrous." His large mind and simple, honest manners never allowed him to crush the weak nor despise the lowly. All are recognized and protected and have equal claims and equal shares with the honest burghers of the Transvaal, and they should have the sympathy and aid of all fair-minded people, but most of all of the Catholic Irish in every land under the sun.

The suppression of the native Italian language on the island of Malta by Joseph Chamberlain has brought down upon him the censure of the whole European press. In a population of 172,000 only 2,000 are British, yet Chamberlain has decreed that in all official business the English language alone is to be spoken. The newspapers are printed in the native tongue of the island, and there was no necessity whatever for instituting a change other than the wish to see the English tongue and with it English manners paramount. Yet the English have always been sore against the Boers because in their own schools they taught their own language—the Dutch. Why should they teach the hated English tongue to their children? Settlers in a new country can not refuse to use the language of the nation among whom they live. Witness the German, Irish, Italian and French children of our own public schools—even Assyrian—all striving to acquire this same inconsistent form of speech—which it is well known is made up of the odds and ends of all languages, and the most difficult of all to learn—because it is the language of our country. With the cruelty and selfishness peculiar to everything English, they are striving to take from the Boers not only their land, their homes, their lives, but should they succeed eventually they will wipe out of the Transvaal colony the language of the Dutch race. As they made it a penal offense for the Irish to be taught their mother tongue, as they are now doing the Italian people on the island of Malta, so will they do the Boers should they finally down this brave little band. May the God of battles aid the cause of right that we may not see labeled with victory the army that has naught on its side but might.

ANNIE NEVIN CONNINGHAM.

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

Division 3 had no bills or claims to pay Wednesday night, while the Relief Committee reported none seek.

The annual reports of the officers of the Daughters of Erin of Providence were the most satisfactory in the history of the division.

The fair of the Hibernian Rifles of Providence has proven quite a success, and the command realized a considerable sum as the result.

There will be a general meeting this evening in the interest of Rev. Father Sheehy's lecture. Every member who can should attend.

James Cushing, of Division 1, was elected a member of the Hibernian Knights Wednesday evening. His admission was properly celebrated.

Division 3 of Providence initiated several candidates and received a number of propositions at its last meeting. Resolutions favoring the Boers met with hearty sympathy.

The first ball of the Ladies' Auxiliary connected with Division 18 of Neponset, Mass., was a great success. The march was led by Mathew Cummings and Miss Mary Dacey.

Division 2 of Minneapolis gave another of its noted socials at the Labor Temple Wednesday evening, which is said to have eclipsed all former efforts in the way of entertainment.

An interesting feature of the meeting of Division 4 of Minneapolis last Tuesday evening was a debate between Edward Helin and George Murray. These debates develop much talent.

Division 4 of St. Paul gave a successful literary entertainment in Cretin High School building Monday evening. This division is composed of the best talent in the city and the hall was crowded.

The members and friends of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 2 of Minneapolis were delightfully entertained last week at the first of a series of card parties to be given during the winter months.

The division at Belle Plaine, Minn., contributed \$25 to aid the Boer Red Cross fund and adopted resolutions commending the action of Senator Mason, Congressmen Sulzer and Cowherd and others in Congress who are not afraid to voice the sentiments of nine-tenths of the people.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Division 3 of Minneapolis entertained a large gathering of friends at last week's meeting. An excellent musical programme was followed by a luncheon. A pleasant feature was the presentation of a handsome gold watch to Mrs. James Best, President of the auxiliary.

Syracuse Hibernians have already begun to hustle for the State convention which is to be held here next month. Each division is urged to send a

ship to the largest numbers possible. The new division which was recently organized initiated forty members at its first meeting this month, and it is expected that forty more will be admitted tomorrow.

The annual meeting of the Bristol County Board was held in Fall River last week, all the divisions being represented. Resolutions of sympathy with the Boers were drawn up for presentation to the various divisions and a copy addressed to President Kruger. A Boer fund was also opened and Division Presidents appointed to receive whatever subscriptions are made. Steps were also taken in regard to the national parade in Boston next May. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious.

In the new quarters of Division 27 of Natick the President, Mrs. Thomas Griffin, in behalf of the Ladies' Auxiliary presented the division with a set of officers' chairs, curtains and carpets, in a graceful speech. President Hall accepted the gifts for the division and spoke of its indebtedness to the ladies, not only for the furnishings then presented, but for assistance in every enterprise in the past and for the many proofs of a kindly interest in the affairs of the division. A concert was then rendered, followed by a dance.

Providence Hibernian Knights boast of the success achieved in their first fair, from which a sum of about \$900 has been realized, enough to pay for uniforms and leave a surplus in the treasury. It is expected that the uniforms will be ready for the St. Patrick's day parade, when the members will turn out in full force and be a factor in the day's success. A complimentary ball will be tendered their friends who assisted at the fair February 9, when the prizes will be distributed to the successful candidates.

At a recent meeting of the Middlesex County Board in East Cambridge, Mass., the national convention to be held in Boston next May was discussed. It was decided that the matter of assessing members not taking part in the big parade be left with the several divisions. The war between the Boers and England was also considered. Though every man present was in favor of immediate action in regard to raising money for a hospital corps, or in any other way that would tend to help the Boers, it was thought inadvisable to take action until a report was had from the national officers, who were then in session at Washington. The County Board voted that each division should do its utmost to further the action of the national officials when word was received from them.

The case of John Muldoon against Division 9 of Providence for sick benefits was tried before Judge Choquet last week. Mr. Muldoon became ill and Dr. McNally, the division doctor, was called. He visited the sick man three times and left medicine. The party with whom Muldoon lived prevailed on the latter to get a new doctor. It was not counter-signed by Dr. McNally. Neither was it approved by the sick committee. A motion was made to have a special committee to investigate the case. The President ruled such a motion out of order and was sustained. Then Muldoon brought the suit. The laws of the order provide that the standing committee shall decide all grievances, and that an appeal shall stand from them to the County Board. It was shown in the trial that the matter was never brought before the committee and that no appeal was taken. The court decided in favor of the division and granted a non-suit on the ground that Muldoon should have exhausted all the remedies within the order before bringing suit.

PURCHASER OF MUCKROSS.

Lord Ardilaun, the purchaser of the Muckross estate, Killarney, states that he had been influenced in the purchase by the fact that his wife's grandfather owned Muckross, and he and Lady Ardilaun were desirous of retaining the estate in the family.

Lord and Lady Ardilaun will not reside at Muckross. His lordship intends, as he has already seats in County Dublin, County Galway and County Clare, to let the house. He has no present intention of curtailing the privileges enjoyed by the public. The tariffs will be rearranged "on a more equitable basis," and some alterations may doubtless be made in the estate. Some new buildings may be erected, but these will not in any way interfere with the sights hitherto open to the public.

Lord Ardilaun, who is fifty-nine years old, is a member of the Guinness family. He sat at one time in the Conservative interest for Dublin, and presented to that city its magnificent little central park, St. Stephen's Green.

FATHER SHERMAN.

The Rev. Father Sherman, son of the late Gen. William T. Sherman, will hold a mission at Corydon next week. A quartet composed of Mrs. Herman Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stein, and John Gohman, of New Albany, will go to Corydon tomorrow and next Sunday to sing at the service. Frank Zoeller will accompany them as director, and Miss Tillie Hartshorn as organist.

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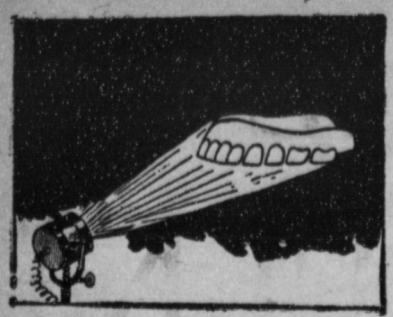
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That the Kentucky Irish American is steadily growing in favor with its readers and usefulness to the public is evidenced by the action of the Central Labor Union at a recent meeting in giving this paper its indorsement, which is the more welcome and appreciated because unsolicited and unexpected. The publisher is grateful, and will endeavor to merit this additional recognition. Our friends will be pleased to learn that the proposition favoring the indorsement was unanimously adopted by the delegates of both bodies. The preamble and resolutions adopted by the Central Labor Union are as follows:

Whereas, Many misstatements have recently appeared in the press of this city relative to the Central Labor Union and organizations represented therein; and Whereas, The Kentucky Irish American has always been a consistent and unbiased champion of the trades union movement; therefore be it Resolved, That the Central Labor Union indorse said Kentucky Irish American as the official newspaper of this body.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this organization and all affiliated unions be communicated to the public through the columns of the aforesaid paper.

MAHONE PRESENT

National President of Street Railway Employees Arrived Thursday.

Will Meet President Minary in An Effort to Adjust Grievances.

The Local Union Will Avoid Hasty Action and Serve the Public.

WILL MEET AGAIN TUESDAY NIGHT.

National President William Mahone arrived in the city Thursday in the interest of the street railway employees, and the threatened strike has for the time being been averted.

The reply of the Street Car Company was presented, and while disappointing and calculated to incense the men to hasty action, they displayed good judgment in their consideration of the important questions before them, which will add to the growing sentiment in their favor.

President William Mahone is one of the ablest labor leaders in the movement today. At Thursday night's meeting he delivered a powerful address to the members, as did also President William Jacobs, after which it was resolved that another attempt should be made to procure an amicable adjustment of the grievances of the motormen and conductors, who want to do nothing that will inconvenience the public. With this end in view conferences are being held between the officers of the company and the officers of the union, which will be reported at a meeting to be held Tuesday night. The reply of the company to the demands presented is censured by all classes of citizens, and should trouble result the responsibility will rest upon the heads of the railway magnates. Their refusal to recognize their employees meets with general condemnation, and no surprise need be felt if they are hereafter treated to a dose of their own medicine in other quarters.

The members of the union will act conservatively throughout the whole affair, and their conduct thus far is commendable.

NUMBERS OF DELEGATES

Have Been Chosen to State Federation of Labor Convention.

Those who are interested in the formation of a State Federation of Labor feel greatly encouraged over the outlook and predict the largest gathering of labor representatives in the State's history. Over one hundred trades unions have reported their action as favoring the formation of the State body, and all sections will be fully represented.

The convention will be called to order Thursday morning, when a temporary organization will be formed and the credentials of delegates passed upon. After the election of permanent officers application will be made to the American Federation of Labor for a charter, which will be issued at once.

James J. Martin and John Cagrove are among the number who will attend from this city. Secretary Young being absent from the city the complete list was unobtainable, but will appear next week.

SHE FIGHTS SWEATSHOPS.

One of the most indefatigable workers in the cause of the underpaid victims of the sweatshops is Mrs. Florence Kelly, the Secretary of the Consumers' League. Mrs. Kelly understands the difficulties which beset the factory inspectors in their efforts to suppress sweating and knows how to correct their shortcomings, since she had several years' experience in Illinois as a factory inspector and held the record for efficiency in the State. She also knows the tricks of the sweaters in their efforts to evade the law. Mrs. Kelly is the daughter of the late Representative Kelly of Pennsylvania, but she has spent most of her life in New York. She spent several years in Chicago, but returned to New York a year ago to continue the fight against the sweatshops.

Camel's hair cloth, very soft and fine, is one of the dress necessities of the season.

EUGENE DEBS TONIGHT.

Hon. Joseph O'Neal Will Present Him to Our Citizens.

The advent of Eugene V. Debs, the famous, fearless and incorruptible labor leader, in this city occurs at Library Hall tonight, and will afford many citizens their first opportunity to see and hear this man of rare genius and many personal charms. He will be presented by Hon. Joseph T. O'Neal, who will act as Chairman, and seated with him on the stage will be a number of gentlemen prominent in the local labor movement. The Central Labor Union has taken an active interest in this lecture, and Chairman James J. Martin and his associates feel that the audience should be a large one. The sums realized from these lectures are being used to pay debts incurred by Mr. Debs in his great battle for labor.



EUGENE V. DEBS.

Eugene Field, the poet, who was Debs' warm friend while the labor leader was undergoing imprisonment, said of him to a newspaper friend: "Gene Debs is the most lovable man I ever knew. Debs is sincere. His heart is as gentle as a woman's and as fresh as a mountain brook. If Debs were a priest the world would listen to his eloquence, and that gentle, musical voice and sad, sweet smile of his would soften the hardest heart."

THEATRICALS.

"The Three Musketeers" will be the attraction at the Avenue Theater next week. Harry Glazier, a young actor, will appear as the hot-blooded Gascon, the hero, and the production is claimed to equal those heretofore seen in both correctness of scenery and costuming.

Col. Meffert has arranged another great treat for the patrons of the Temple Theater next week, when will be presented Jules Verne's greatest production, "Michael Strogoff." The Temple Stock Company will produce this great spectacular and sensational play with a wealth of scenic display, electric effects, realistic battle scenes, magnificent costumes, largely augmented cast and a host of supernumeraries that promises to meet all the requirements, and will perhaps surpass those heretofore witnessed at the high-priced theaters. James Brophy will assume the role of Michael Strogoff, and Robert McWade will perform the duties of the American newspaper correspondent. Miss Jessamine Rodgers will be seen as Nadia and Miss Moore as the gypsy. This should be one of the Temple's big weeks, as there will be no advance in prices. Those desiring to witness this sensational play should secure their seats immediately.

Irwin's Burlesquers, an organization which leaves it for the patrons of the Buckingham to decide whether it is an extravaganza or burlesque company, will make its appearance here on Sunday matinee for one week. The specialties, and there are many of them, will be found up to the times and pleasing. "A Hot Wave," a musical burlesque in one scene, is the closing feature of the entertainment. The chorus contains twenty young and pretty maidens who are the happy possessors of good voices, and all can dance. The scenery is entirely new, with grand electrical effects. The costumes are rich and are patterned after foreign styles and the changes made are remarkably quick. The olio includes the five Barrison sisters, artists well known; Mlle. Marie, in artistic and classic poses with electrical effects; Thompson and Carter, Carver and Pollard, Bailey and Madison, the Irish comedy and grotesque acrobats; Kessner and Reid, W. C. Fields and Raymond and Bernard.

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NUMBERS OF PERMITS.

Bright Outlook for the Building Trades the Coming Season.

Permits for the erection of new buildings have been taken out thus early this year in large numbers, the aggregate already amounting to over \$300,000. This is very encouraging to the building trades.

Charles Deitz, Business Agent for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, reports work as fairly good at present, but the prospects for union men are very bright for the summer, and those holding union cards will receive steady employment.

Carpenter's Union 103 initiated seven members and received quite a large number of applications Monday evening. Union 214 is also increasing in membership. The former also elected delegates to the Central Labor Union. Meetings are held weekly at Beck's Hall.

ROVING GYPSY.

The Celt Sacrificed for the Good of the Whole World.

Rev. Mr. Stopford Brooke, the newly elected President of the Irish Literary Society of London, read an eloquent paper on "The Celt" at an open meeting of the society recently. The Celt was the rover, the gypsy of the world, he said. This detachment from home had its great disadvantages for him and it partly disabled him from becoming a nation. But it had its great advantages for the world. Man was the better of it. It quickened the movement and life of mankind, and thus again the Celt had been sacrificed for the good of the whole, not of his own will, but influenced by a higher will than his. It was true that the Celts loved their country dearly, but their love was more ideal than actual, more a poetic passion than a prose reality. They cherished it, wrote poems on it, wept over the thought of their land, but they did not come back to it often.

The advent of Christianity had enormously strengthened the Celts' love of home and country, and they had also been immensely developed by the oppression of England. Men loved that for which they had endured pain and woes and for which they had been oppressed. They loved a land which had been persecuted, tortured and trodden down, but which had never been subdued or lost its courage to live on. That men were forced to live apart from their country inflamed their love, and the long longing of the exiles from Ireland since St. Columba to the present day bore witness of its intensity. For all that, however, he doubted if the love of country was as strong in the Irishman as in the Englishman. It was more poetic, more passionate in expression. The Englishman returned to his land after long years, but the Irishman and the Highlander who had enriched themselves, whose money well spent might do so much to help and develop Ireland or the Western Isles, were conspicuous by their absence.

Under every sun, in every land, and especially in English-speaking lands, this deep ideal passion lived and grew in the multitudes of the scattered Irish people. Millions whose fathers came out of Ireland cherished it. It was a mighty power—a power which some day would pass out of the ideal into the real, out of passion into act, and in time to come, of which they watched the dawning, Ireland would be able, under better laws, to develop her children. This great passion would have more wide-reaching effect in history than we could yet imagine. Great political changes were hidden in it. He saw Ireland when the Celt came home, having learned the lessons of exile, a happy home, a united people and a race that had realized its nationality.

However, there was another and an interesting side to this question. The person whom the Celt most damaged by his individuality was himself, but he had not damaged the world or mankind by it. It had been of the greatest use possible to the progress of the world.

SELECT HOP AND SOCIAL.

Invitations are being issued to a select hop and social to take place at Norton's Hall on Tuesday evening, February 20, under the auspices of Mike O'Hearn and a number of young gentlemen prominent in social circles. This is the second of the series, and like its predecessor, promises to be most enjoyable. During the evening there will be a prize waltz and a comical cake walk.

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